

**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2007**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act.

DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCES ON TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Diplomatic Assurances on Torture: A Case Study of Why Some Are Accepted and Others Rejected. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MUTUAL AID

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled "Leveraging Mutual Aid for Effective Emergency Response." Testimony was heard from Marko Bourne, Director of Policy and Program Analysis, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kenneth Murphy, Director, Office of Emergency Management, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

**DEFECTIVE TOY MANUFACTURER
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Protecting the Playroom: Holding Foreign Manufacturers Accountable for Defective Products. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4074, San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act; H.R. 123, amended, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, amended, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H. R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3739, To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirement for the statement of findings.

TSA AIRPORT SECURITY CHECKPOINTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on One Year Later: Have TSA Airport Security Checkpoints Improved? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and John Cooney, Assistant Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and Edmund S. Hawley, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**BORDER/MARITIME SECURITY
TECHNOLOGIES**

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Next Generation Border and Maritime Security Technologies: H.R. 3916, To provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies. Testimony was heard from the following officials Department of Homeland Security: Robert Hooks, Director of Transition, and Ervin Kapos, Director, Operations Analysis, both with the Science and Technology Directorate; and Jeff Self, Division Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; and a public witness.

**SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
FLEXIBILITY**

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Small Business: Improving the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AVIATION—AIRPORT HOLIDAY TRAVEL
PREPARATIONS**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation and Airport Holiday Travel Preparations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NURSING HOME OWNERSHIP/QUALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Trends in Nursing Home Ownership and Quality. Testimony was heard from Scott A. Johnson, Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—IC CLEARANCE AND SECURITY
CONCERNS**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on IC Clearance and Security Concerns. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on House Administration, to continue hearings on Voter Registration and List Maintenance, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.